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AMCONSUL CURACAO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH ANTILLES

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 3105 (B) STATE 186724 (C) CURACAO 0567

1. REF A NOT RECEIVED.

2. POST AGREES WITH SUGGESTION REF B THAT BEST SOLUTION IS RENEGOTIATE PRESENT USG-GON BILATERAL INTO TWO DISTINCT AGREEMENTS COMPLETELY SEPARATING US-THE HAGUE ROUTES AND US-ANTILLES ROUTES, THEREBY GIVING US MUSCLE FOR USE AGAINST KLM ROUTE ANTILLES-NEW YORK. USG-GONA AGREEMENT SHOULD IN OUR OPINION BE BETWEEN USG AND GONA IF THIS POSSIBLE UNDER GON-GONA CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP RATHER THAN BETWEEN USG AND GON. ADDITIONALLY, A SEPARATE USG-GONA BILATERAL AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO BE VEHICLE TO COVER ANY FUTURE US-ANTILLES ROUTE REQUESTS BY WINAIR.

3. CURACAO OBVIOUSLY IN BETTER POSITION JUDGE POSSIBILITY THAT GONA WOULD OR WOULD NOT SUPPORT SEPARATE USG-GONA BILATERAL. HOWEVER, ANY POSSIBLE SPLIT UP OF PRESENT USG-GON BILATERAL APPEARS FAVORABLE AS DEVICE TO WEAKEN POSITION OF KLM, WHICH PACKS MUCH WEIGHT IN THE HAGUE (DIVIDE AND CONQUER). ALSO, CONFIDENTIAL

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SOME GONA SUPPORT MAY DEVELOP FROM ACQUISITION BY ALM OF THREE

DC-9 30 AIRCRAFT, IF FROM NO OTHER SOURCE THAN NA PRIDE IN
SHOWING FLAG.

4. WITH RESPECT TO A POSSIBLE USG-GOS BILATERAL AGREEMENT
COVERING FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF SLM, POST IS OF OPINION SUCH
AGREEMENT UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME. SLM HAS NEITHER FUNDS NOR
EQUIPMENT (ONE DC-3, TWO TWIN OTTERS) TO EXPAND SERVICES IN
FORESEEABLE FUTURE. UNDER PRESENT POOLING ARRANGEMENT WITH
KLM AND ALM, SLM DOES FLY A DC-9 (BELIEVED OWNED BY KLM)
TO CURACAO AND BACK. ANY FURTHER EXTENSION SLM ROUTES APPEAR
UNLIKELY, THEREFORE USG-GOS BILATERAL PROBABLY ACADEMIC.
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